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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW YORK-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY-LONG ISLAND, NY-NJ-CT-PA NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY, APRIL 2001

Workers in the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania 1/ metropolitan area averaged \$22.09 per hour during April 2001, according to a new survey released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner John L. Wieting reported that white-collar workers averaged \$26.96 per hour and accounted for 59 percent of workers in the area. Blue-collar employees averaged \$16.34 per hour and represented 18 percent of area workers, while 23 percent worked in service occupations and earned \$13.97 per hour. (See table 1.)

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) presents straight-time earnings for occupations in establishments employing 50 or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. The survey excludes agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed and the Federal Government. This NCS covered 528 establishments representing 4,047,500 workers in the 31-county greater New York metropolitan area. The geographic area includes Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties in New York; Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties in New Jersey; Fairfield County, New Haven and parts of Litchfield and Middlesex Counties in Connecticut; and Pike County, Pennsylvania. Over seventy percent of those represented worked in private industry.

In the 31-county greater New York metropolitan area, average hourly wages were published for about 140 detailed occupations. (See table 1.) Among white-collar workers, financial managers averaged \$48.02 per hour; computer programmers, \$32.45; social workers, \$24.47; and cashiers, \$9.70. Blue-collar occupations included automobile mechanics, earning \$24.48 per hour, industrial machinery repairers at \$18.69, truck drivers at \$17.37, and assemblers, earning \$9.25 per hour. In service occupations, police and detectives in public service averaged \$25.48 per hour; janitors and cleaners averaged \$12.41 per hour; and nursing aides, orderlies and attendants, \$10.26.

1/ For convenience this area title will be referred to in text as the 31-county greater New York metropolitan area.



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The NCS also provides broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics. (See tables 2 and 3.) For example, full-time employees in the 31-county greater New York metropolitan area averaged \$23.13 per hour and part-time workers earned \$11.74. Union workers in blue-collar jobs averaged \$18.01 per hour, while their nonunion counterparts made \$13.46. Private industry workers at establishments employing 50-99 workers averaged \$17.03 per hour and those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$23.56.

The NCS is part of a statistical program that will eventually integrate three separate surveys of wages and benefits into one comprehensive compensation program increasing the amount of data available. Data provided by the NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. Average rates of pay are also available for levels of work within an occupation based on knowledge, skill, independent judgment, supervision received and other factors required on the job.

Survey Availability

Complete survey results are contained in the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA, National Compensation Survey April 2001 (Bulletin 3110-36). While supplies last, single copies of the bulletin are available from the New York Information Office by calling (212) 337-2400. In addition, data contained in the bulletin are available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://stats.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/compub.htm>. Select survey tables can also be obtained from the Bureau's fax-on-demand service in New York by dialing (212) 337-2412 and requesting document 9605.

For personal assistance or further information on the National Compensation Survey, as well as other Bureau programs, contact the New York Information Office at (212) 337-2400 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.

Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA, April 2001

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$22.09	2.3	\$20.94	3.1	\$25.49	2.6
All excluding sales	22.29	2.2	21.12	2.9	25.51	2.6
White collar	26.96	2.4	26.20	3.1	29.19	3.3
White collar excluding sales	27.75	2.1	27.17	2.7	29.24	3.3
Professional specialty and technical	33.05	2.5	31.64	3.6	35.56	3.3
Professional specialty	34.97	1.9	33.64	2.6	36.91	2.9
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	33.05	4.1	35.00	3.7	26.18	5.7
Electrical and electronic engineers	36.26	5.7	36.26	5.7	—	—
Industrial engineers	29.80	5.0	29.80	5.0	—	—
Mechanical engineers	25.23	8.4	27.30	10.9	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	35.69	6.5	37.88	4.4	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	39.64	4.2	39.72	4.3	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	39.80	4.4	39.88	4.4	—	—
Natural scientists	36.52	7.6	36.98	7.8	—	—
Chemists, except biochemists	37.82	9.9	37.82	9.9	—	—
Health related	29.67	2.5	30.73	2.8	24.58	4.6
Physicians	33.12	8.9	37.69	10.1	20.63	13.5
Registered nurses	29.12	1.9	29.42	2.1	27.20	4.6
Pharmacists	31.32	5.9	33.14	2.4	—	—
Dietitians	19.41	3.9	—	—	—	—
Respiratory therapists	23.80	3.1	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university	46.98	5.0	47.54	10.8	46.57	2.5
Other post-secondary teachers	45.18	3.9	—	—	44.99	3.1
Teachers, except college and university	39.88	3.4	25.39	7.5	42.21	3.3
Elementary school teachers	41.45	4.3	27.97	8.4	44.77	3.9
Secondary school teachers	43.71	5.9	32.33	19.9	45.83	5.4
Teachers, special education	42.76	2.9	—	—	43.93	2.4
Teachers, n.e.c.	39.36	6.3	23.21	15.8	40.72	6.3
Substitute teachers	12.26	9.9	—	—	—	—
Vocational and educational counselors	38.25	15.8	—	—	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	27.58	11.9	31.94	15.6	24.79	14.9
Librarians	27.98	12.1	31.94	15.6	25.27	15.4
Social scientists and urban planners	34.58	12.5	28.54	20.2	39.33	11.1
Psychologists	36.39	14.5	—	—	40.16	10.3
Social, recreation, and religious workers	24.34	4.3	23.00	5.0	25.31	7.0
Social workers	24.47	4.4	23.02	4.9	25.41	7.1
Lawyers and judges	45.53	10.8	55.68	8.8	36.99	6.8
Lawyers	45.53	10.8	55.68	8.8	36.99	6.8
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	32.81	9.0	33.51	9.3	23.57	7.1
Designers	32.02	11.3	32.02	11.3	—	—
Painters, sculptors, craft artists, and artist printmakers	20.30	19.4	—	—	—	—
Editors and reporters	44.12	21.4	44.12	21.4	—	—
Public relations specialists	23.78	8.7	—	—	—	—
Athletes	17.28	10.7	17.09	13.6	—	—
Professional, n.e.c.	34.12	9.6	34.32	9.8	—	—
Technical	24.71	12.4	25.65	13.8	19.14	5.4
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	19.66	5.3	19.09	5.9	23.59	12.3
Radiological technicians	23.26	3.0	23.26	3.0	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	18.36	1.9	18.26	1.7	18.91	7.4
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	17.21	3.2	16.59	4.4	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians	21.71	10.1	21.71	10.1	—	—
Engineering technicians, n.e.c.	19.83	6.7	19.83	6.7	—	—
Computer programmers	32.45	5.9	33.36	5.2	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c.	21.10	7.9	22.27	8.8	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	36.39	3.6	37.81	3.7	31.39	9.1
Executives, administrators, and managers	41.60	3.5	41.49	3.7	42.21	10.1
Administrators and officials, public administration	37.02	5.4	—	—	36.68	5.7
Financial managers	48.02	9.5	49.47	9.9	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations	45.14	7.7	45.14	7.7	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields	49.02	16.4	28.19	11.3	58.74	9.8

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Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
White collar —Continued						
Executive, administrative, and managerial —Continued						
Executives, administrators, and managers —Continued						
Managers, medicine and health	\$39.17	7.5	\$42.29	8.3	\$30.21	4.3
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c.	42.39	10.3	42.91	10.5	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	39.15	3.6	39.35	3.9	—	—
Management related	29.06	6.2	31.50	7.0	23.67	6.5
Accountants and auditors	26.22	4.0	26.68	4.3	—	—
Other financial officers	33.46	11.6	34.73	13.2	—	—
Management analysts	31.98	20.8	—	—	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	25.77	6.2	28.22	7.3	23.26	6.9
Purchasing agents and buyers, n.e.c.	31.31	13.6	31.61	14.1	—	—
Inspectors and compliance officers, except construction	20.48	8.6	—	—	19.43	8.2
Management related, n.e.c.	30.90	16.3	31.90	20.5	27.76	7.4
Sales	18.24	17.8	18.26	18.0	—	—
Supervisors, sales	22.95	13.9	22.95	13.9	—	—
Sales, other business services	50.12	34.8	50.12	34.8	—	—
Sales workers, apparel	10.66	19.8	10.66	19.8	—	—
Sales workers, hardware and building supplies ...	18.53	18.6	18.53	18.6	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities	9.87	6.3	9.87	6.3	—	—
Cashiers	9.70	6.8	9.70	6.8	—	—
Sales support, n.e.c.	12.10	17.4	12.10	17.4	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	16.13	2.0	16.02	2.4	16.51	3.2
Supervisors, general office	22.32	7.3	22.70	9.0	20.91	6.1
Supervisors, financial records processing	20.24	10.0	20.24	10.0	—	—
Computer operators	16.46	8.7	16.45	8.8	—	—
Secretaries	18.60	2.7	18.55	3.3	18.76	3.7
Stenographers	19.29	3.7	—	—	—	—
Typists	14.50	4.1	15.44	7.4	13.84	2.5
Interviewers	14.10	4.2	—	—	—	—
Transportation ticket and reservation agents	17.16	6.3	17.32	10.5	—	—
Receptionists	13.18	6.9	13.30	7.1	—	—
Order clerks	21.12	5.0	21.12	5.0	—	—
Personnel clerks, except payroll and timekeeping	18.01	9.3	—	—	—	—
Library clerks	11.77	6.3	—	—	10.33	6.2
File clerks	12.25	2.4	12.25	2.4	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	14.56	3.6	14.67	4.3	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	16.53	3.1	16.23	3.1	20.40	6.4
Payroll and timekeeping clerks	15.82	8.7	15.82	8.7	—	—
Billing clerks	13.39	4.2	13.39	4.2	—	—
Telephone operators	15.33	6.2	15.44	6.3	—	—
Mail clerks, except postal service	13.88	11.1	13.88	11.1	—	—
Messengers	12.15	7.3	11.87	7.8	—	—
Dispatchers	18.97	10.3	—	—	—	—
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	12.89	5.3	12.64	5.9	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	12.61	13.5	12.61	13.5	—	—
Insurance adjusters, examiners, and investigators	26.43	23.8	26.43	23.8	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance	16.45	7.5	16.38	8.3	—	—
Eligibility clerks, social welfare	15.92	7.7	—	—	17.22	4.3
Bill and account collectors	17.71	9.1	17.71	9.1	—	—
General office clerks	14.45	5.8	14.42	4.9	14.49	14.2
Bank tellers	10.65	3.6	10.65	3.6	—	—
Data entry keyers	12.30	4.5	12.14	5.2	—	—
Statistical clerks	14.67	14.3	14.53	14.8	—	—
Teachers' aides	14.37	9.6	—	—	15.94	5.2
Administrative support, n.e.c.	15.41	4.6	15.66	6.7	14.92	1.5
Blue collar	16.34	3.2	15.64	3.7	19.85	4.4

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Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Blue collar —Continued						
Precision production, craft, and repair	\$22.79	3.5	\$22.62	4.3	\$23.45	3.8
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	28.51	6.1	—	—	—	—
Automobile mechanics	24.48	4.1	—	—	24.79	3.8
Industrial machinery repairers	18.69	5.7	18.69	5.7	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	20.33	4.6	21.04	5.3	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers	32.76	15.5	—	—	—	—
Carpenters	26.84	14.8	26.41	18.6	—	—
Electricians	25.75	10.7	27.60	10.9	18.18	10.3
Supervisors, production	23.83	12.1	23.83	12.1	—	—
Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers ..	14.50	6.5	14.50	6.5	—	—
Stationary engineers	22.37	9.0	22.63	10.3	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	11.63	4.6	11.60	4.6	—	—
Punching and stamping press operators	10.39	4.7	10.39	4.7	—	—
Grinding, abrading, buffing, and polishing machine operators	10.80	4.8	10.80	4.8	—	—
Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c.	11.58	12.8	11.58	12.8	—	—
Textile sewing machine operators	7.73	7.8	7.73	7.8	—	—
Laundering and dry cleaning machine operators	10.88	8.4	10.47	8.8	—	—
Packaging and filling machine operators	13.34	25.7	13.34	25.7	—	—
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	13.30	8.1	13.30	8.1	—	—
Assemblers	9.25	7.0	9.25	7.0	—	—
Production inspectors, checkers and examiners ..	12.57	8.7	12.57	8.7	—	—
Transportation and material moving	16.89	5.3	16.10	7.2	18.61	7.5
Truck drivers	17.37	5.1	16.79	5.1	—	—
Driver-sales workers	20.27	7.2	20.27	7.2	—	—
Bus drivers	15.07	9.4	12.02	5.6	18.70	1.9
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	13.85	6.4	13.20	7.8	16.97	4.8
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	12.59	7.8	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c.	18.82	9.7	—	—	—	—
Production helpers	10.89	9.7	10.89	9.7	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	12.84	12.8	12.83	12.9	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	13.29	7.9	13.29	7.9	—	—
Hand packers and packagers	11.90	22.2	11.90	22.2	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	12.49	10.2	11.68	13.4	15.78	3.6
Service	13.97	4.5	10.97	4.8	20.18	4.0
Protective service	20.55	6.4	11.96	11.1	24.91	3.7
Supervisors, police and detectives	33.05	6.0	—	—	33.05	6.0
Police and detectives, public service	25.48	5.9	—	—	25.48	5.9
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers	22.92	6.3	—	—	22.92	6.3
Correctional institution officers	22.50	3.0	—	—	22.50	3.0
Guards and police, except public service	11.72	11.1	11.59	11.8	14.28	3.1
Food service	9.10	6.9	8.73	7.9	11.57	4.1
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	6.47	13.2	6.22	13.3	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	5.98	14.3	5.98	14.3	—	—
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants	5.83	26.1	4.18	10.4	—	—
Other food service	10.16	6.5	9.90	7.8	11.46	4.1
Supervisors, food preparation and service	15.24	8.8	15.22	9.8	—	—
Cooks	12.17	9.1	12.02	10.4	13.12	6.0
Food counter, fountain, and related	8.57	6.0	8.57	6.0	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation	12.25	6.7	12.29	7.1	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	8.11	7.9	7.21	8.0	10.91	2.9
Health service	10.52	5.4	9.76	5.1	15.43	2.3
Health aides, except nursing	12.49	3.5	11.47	4.2	15.04	2.3
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	10.26	5.8	9.56	5.3	15.55	2.9
Cleaning and building service	13.04	6.4	12.26	8.8	15.23	5.6

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Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Service —Continued						
Cleaning and building service—Continued						
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	\$18.85	17.3	—	—	—	—
Maids and housemen	13.98	6.2	\$13.98	6.2	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	12.41	8.6	11.05	13.8	\$15.11	6.0
Personal service	13.96	12.4	14.90	16.8	11.90	6.5
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	9.25	7.3	—	—	—	—
Early childhood teachers' assistants	11.48	8.6	10.33	7.9	—	—
Child care workers, n.e.c.	9.50	4.6	8.74	3.9	10.74	4.6
Service, n.e.c.	11.45	15.3	11.32	16.8	—	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 2. **Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA, April 2001**

Occupational group	Private industry and State and local government					
	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Union ⁴	Nonunion ⁴	Time ⁵	Incentive ⁵
	Mean					
All occupations	\$23.13	\$11.74	\$21.27	\$22.88	\$22.04	\$23.96
All excluding sales	23.13	12.50	21.47	23.12	22.38	16.86
White collar	27.96	14.70	26.80	27.06	26.86	31.11
White-collar excluding sales	28.28	18.24	27.52	27.89	27.79	20.58
Professional specialty and technical	33.45	26.05	35.14	31.17	33.05	—
Professional specialty	35.25	29.34	36.15	33.81	34.97	—
Technical	25.33	18.05	29.44	21.82	24.71	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	36.43	—	30.50	37.91	36.41	—
Sales	22.99	8.02	11.94	19.91	13.56	33.89
Administrative support, including clerical	16.48	12.44	16.86	15.61	16.14	15.49
Blue collar	16.68	10.33	18.01	13.46	16.34	16.35
Precision production, craft, and repair	22.82	—	24.38	19.28	22.82	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	11.63	—	11.94	11.33	11.77	—
Transportation and material moving	17.66	11.04	17.55	14.51	16.34	19.24
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	14.43	9.70	15.78	10.80	13.90	—
Service	15.07	8.52	15.69	10.38	13.98	—
	Relative error ⁶ (percent)					
All occupations	2.3	4.1	2.8	3.5	2.2	23.0
All excluding sales	2.2	4.7	2.8	3.2	2.2	9.5
White collar	2.4	5.8	3.4	3.2	2.1	30.1
White-collar excluding sales	2.2	6.9	3.4	2.7	2.1	12.4
Professional specialty and technical	2.6	6.1	4.1	2.7	2.5	—
Professional specialty	2.0	6.5	2.6	2.8	1.9	—
Technical	13.1	6.5	26.6	5.2	12.4	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	3.6	—	10.0	3.6	3.6	—
Sales	19.3	3.2	8.7	20.2	7.1	33.7
Administrative support, including clerical	2.0	9.9	2.2	3.0	2.1	2.2
Blue collar	3.2	6.9	3.7	4.8	3.2	13.0
Precision production, craft, and repair	3.5	—	3.4	6.0	3.5	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	4.6	—	6.1	6.8	4.6	—
Transportation and material moving	4.8	12.3	6.1	9.7	5.6	7.4
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	6.5	7.2	6.8	7.1	6.5	—
Service	4.8	4.4	5.6	5.9	4.5	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

³ Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

⁴ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

⁵ Time workers' wages are based solely on an hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

⁶ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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Table 3. **Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA, April 2001**

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers				
	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers ³	100 workers or more		
			Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more
	Mean				
All occupations	\$20.94	\$17.03	\$21.91	\$20.21	\$23.56
All excluding sales	21.12	17.26	22.06	20.23	23.67
White collar	26.20	21.61	27.14	25.72	28.33
White-collar excluding sales	27.17	23.04	27.95	26.99	28.63
Professional specialty and technical	31.64	28.94	32.00	29.92	32.85
Professional specialty	33.64	31.31	33.97	33.47	34.13
Technical	25.65	19.27	26.29	24.10	27.94
Executive, administrative, and managerial	37.81	33.96	38.50	37.17	40.15
Sales	18.26	14.55	19.58	19.98	17.18
Administrative support, including clerical	16.02	14.53	16.40	15.99	16.73
Blue collar	15.64	13.80	16.38	15.12	18.65
Precision production, craft, and repair	22.62	17.78	24.69	23.78	25.63
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	11.60	10.44	12.18	11.45	13.85
Transportation and material moving	16.10	18.47	15.35	14.72	16.41
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	13.20	11.53	13.73	13.49	14.36
Service	10.97	10.00	11.19	10.10	12.09
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)				
All occupations	3.1	4.2	3.6	6.0	4.5
All excluding sales	2.9	4.2	3.4	5.3	4.5
White collar	3.1	4.2	3.4	6.4	3.8
White-collar excluding sales	2.7	4.0	3.0	5.0	3.8
Professional specialty and technical	3.6	4.3	4.0	4.6	5.1
Professional specialty	2.6	4.4	2.8	5.4	3.3
Technical	13.8	10.2	14.8	7.9	24.0
Executive, administrative, and managerial	3.7	7.0	4.0	5.3	6.3
Sales	18.0	16.3	22.2	25.3	13.6
Administrative support, including clerical	2.4	4.2	2.8	5.5	2.7
Blue collar	3.7	7.0	4.4	5.8	6.8
Precision production, craft, and repair	4.3	6.4	4.1	6.7	5.1
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	4.6	8.1	5.6	5.7	13.1
Transportation and material moving	7.2	12.6	7.0	8.2	11.0
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	7.8	13.3	9.1	12.7	5.6
Service	4.8	8.9	5.5	5.2	9.0

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³ Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain

establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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